

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Frédéric FORTIN et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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Application No.: 10/505,469)	Examiner: Woodall, Nicholas W.
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Filed: August 20, 2004)	
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For: FLEXIBLE VERTEBRAL LINKING)	Confirmation No.: 4004
DEVICE)	

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) OF AN
APPLICATION FOR PATENT UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED**

Applicants hereby petition for revival of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/505,469 ("the '469 application"), which became abandoned on or about October 7, 2006.

This petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) is accompanied by: (1) the petition fee of \$770.00 (small entity) required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (2) the Declarations of Mr. Frédéric Fortin and Mr. Johann Robin in Support of Petition for Revival Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) of an Application for Patent Unintentionally Abandoned; (3) a Reply to the Outstanding Office Action dated July 7, 2006; and (4) a Power of Attorney.

As the attached Declarations of Messrs. Fortin and Robin demonstrate, the abandonment of the inventions disclosed in the '469 application was unintentional. The entire delay from the date of abandonment to the filing of this Petition was unintentional.


The undersigned respectfully requests that the '469 application be revived and the enclosed Reply to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006, be entered.

If any additional fee is due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge attorney's Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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